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METHODS OF ALLEVIATING NEUROPATHIC PAIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington DC 20231

Prior to examination of the above identified application, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Applicant has reiterated the pending claims for the convenience of the Examiner.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 19, 20, 27, and 28 as follows:

1. (Amended) A prosaposin receptor agonist having from about 14 to 50 amino acids and comprising the amino acid sequence [LIRX<sub>1</sub>NNX<sub>2</sub>TX<sub>3</sub>X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>1</sub>],  
LIX<sub>1</sub>NNX<sub>2</sub>TX<sub>3</sub>X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>3</sub>X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>1</sub>, wherein:

X<sub>1</sub> is any amino acid;

X<sub>2</sub> is any amino acid, but not L or R;

X<sub>3</sub> is a charged amino acid; and

X<sub>4</sub>, when present, is a charged amino acid.

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